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THE ban on the Australian Soccer Association was reaffirmed in Zurich, Switzerland, by FIFA, the international controlling body last week.

After a "delicate" four-hour conference, FIFA ruled that the suspension would stand until Australia agreed to pay transfer fees for imported Austrian and Dutch players.

A total of £48,000 stg., had been demanded for them, but this figure was substantially reduced at the conference.

The Australian delegate, Mr. Roy Druery, said after the meeting: "The reduction was still not sufficient for me to say yes or no.

"I told the meeting I would report the new figure to the Australian Soccer Association when I return to Sydney early in October.

"Until this is done, things remain as they were.

TRANSFER FEES

"The ban stays, which means we will not be represented at a special annual conference of FIFA in London on September 28 and 29."

The delicacy of the conference was emphasised by its four-hour duration.

Officials had expected to complete their business within an hour.

At the table with Mr. Druery, who is secretary of the Australian Soccer Football Association, were two Austrian delegates, one Dutch official, one Israeli member and two FIFA executives.

The basis of the talks, which Australia had sought for two years, was the question of transfer fees demanded for European players who settled in Australia in recent years.

"COMPETENCE"

Involved were 17 Austrian players, 10 Dutch and two Israeli.

After the conference, FIFA general secretary, Dr. Kaiser, issued the following statement:

"The suspension will not be raised as long as (the transfer) dispute is not settled.

"The competence of the Australian delegate did not make it possible for him to accept claims fixed by the damaged parties, even though these claims were reduced to facilitate a settlement."

Dr. Kaiser refused to discuss the statement.

But Mr. Druery said the reference to his competence meant he had the authority of the Australian Association to go so far and no further.

Austria and Holland had reduced their claims "substantially" but they were still unacceptable to Australia.

Mr. Druery would not disclose the reduced demands, or what constituted an "acceptable" figure.

He said: It's not my property. I have to report to my association first.

Mr. Druery was asked whether it might not be better to cable the new figure, or airmail a report to Sydney in the hope of clarification before next month's FIFA conference in London.

He replied: "It's too important to be conveyed in writing.

"I want to explain it all verbally.

3 EXPERTS ON THE BALL

Three of the eight experts who were invited to forecast the State League final four and the two relegation teams were successful.

They were Fred Villiers, Associate Editor of Soccer News, Alex Barr of The Age and Bill Fleming of The Herald.

Their selections with five other experts' forecasts appeared in Soccer News on July 29.

The SN majority vote also was 100 per cent correct.

This proves it pays to read Soccer News—Victoria's reliable soccer newspaper.

Our Lord Mayor is soccer minded

By JOHN d'ANDREA

Fourty seven years old, Cr. Maurice Nathan, a successful businessman, sportsman and civic leader, is the newly elected Lord Mayor of Melbourne.

Cr. Nathan, Deputy Chairman of the Olympic Park trustees, is greatly responsible for soccer facilities at the Park and has shown his interest in the code by making appearances during matches.

Soccer-minded Cr. Nathan proposed the toast to the press, T.V. and radio—on behalf of V.A.S.F.A., at the recent publicity dinner only a few weeks before his Mayoral election.

Cr. Nathan's other sporting interests are:

- Football, cricket and tennis, which he played at Geelong Grammar School—
- In 1937 he was Victorian and Australian Squash champion —
- He is a keen swimmer and has a private pool at his Toorak home.
- He is a well-known race horse owner and committee member of Victoria Amateur Turf Club, also a member of 3 racing clubs—
- He is Vice President of the Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association and a member of the Melbourne Cricket Club and the Lawn Tennis Association.

Cr. Nathan is Managing Director of Patersons Pty. Ltd.—a position he tok over at the age of 25—and is Chairman of the Victoria Promotions Committee.

CR. MAURICE NATHAN

JUNIOR CUP FINAL

The under 12 Junior Cup Final will be played at Olympic Park today at 1 p.m. between Essendon and St. Kilda. As a curtain raiser to Wilhelmina-Juventus

MEETING TO HELP COUNTRY SOCCER

A meeting of all Victorian District Associations will be held on Sunday Sept. 10 at 11 a.m. at Olympic Park (VASFA offices).

Main subjects for discussion will be: revival of Carrick District Cup and possible formation of a country soccer association.

Country associations have also been invited to submit any matters they desire to be placed on the agenda.

Members of the VASFA executive and of the country soccer sub-committee will be in attendance.

PRESTON AND LIONS IN STATE LEAGUE

Here is the promotion and relegation picture for the season.

PROMOTION

State League:— Lions and Preston.

First Division:— Alexander and Sicilia; Makedonia and Oakleigh.

RELEGATION

To First Div.: — Box Hill and Richmond; to 2nd Division:— Collingwood, Coburg, Frankston., Sth. Yarra.

Although there is no automatic promotion and relegation between 2nd Division and Provisional League: Libertas has won the Provisional League.

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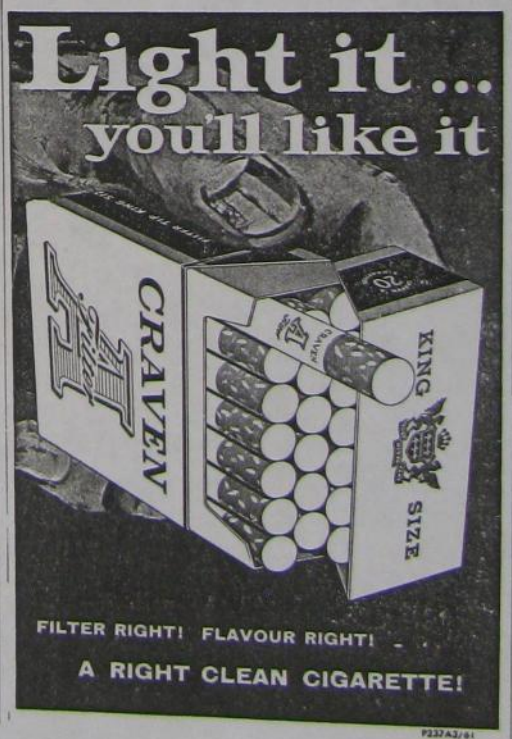

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PARKDALE

By ALBERT MERRILLS

The Essendon Midgets and Brooklyn Hostel turned on a fine Under 12 match at Olympic Park before the Hakoah v. George Cross clash last week.

Opening with the wind the Hostel soon tested K. Rees in goal. Essendon counter attacked through Hollows but his shot missed.

Gallagher took the ball through for the Hostel and K. Rees made a great effort to stop the shot but Leaver followed through and goaled. The Hostel scored again through the same player after the Don's defence miss-kicked.

Gallagher had a great chance but the ball just missed the post. J. Goeman defended well.

In the second half play was more even and Jeff Hollows scored for Essendon after a fine solo effort.

Geoff. Rees and Sam Loughran showed flashes of precision passing for the Dons, but the two that wowed the crowd were pint sized Joe Bonnici and Ernie Loughran, not just for their size but their ability.

Luscombe, K. Rees and J. Goeman also shone. For Brooklyn K. Gallagher often started good moves, McDonald and Leaver were good forwards; Smart and Wilson shone in defence.

When the players left the ground the crowd gave them a terrific cheer.

In the Under 18 League, AJAX and Essendon fought out a 1-1 draw. The home team were first into attack and K. Ryan's good play in goal stopped them twice.

When Dons bounced back Creak scored after the Ajax keeper fumbled the ball but the goal was disallowed!

Ajax counter attacked and scored after the Dons had stopped play when they tought the whistle had blown.

Essendon then got well on top through the efforts of R. Wills and Rossetto with Peat very active on the forward line. Creak levelled the scores from a penalty kick.

Ajax were again first to attack in the second half but good defensive play by K. Ryan, M. Harlow and J. Hall, kept them out after some torrid play. Allsop also added determination to the defence.

Rossetto and Wills again got on top and put the Dons into attack repeatedly. Mike Harlow was Essendon's best player.

SANDRINGHAM WIN

Sandringham City Under 18's enter the next round of the Cup after defeating Hakoah 1-0 in a hard fought game.

Stephen Ryder, Sandringham's centre-forward broke his wrist in the 15th minute.

The goal that won the match was scored by J. Dunkerley after a shot by Ruggero had been deflected.

Hakoah threw everything into the attack by Sandringham held on. Their stars in defence were goal keeper Hank Van der Helm and half back Finn.

SUNSHINE WIN

The Under 18 Cup game between Sunshine City and George Cross resulted in a 4-0 victory for Sunshine City.

George Cross were unfortunate to have four regular players out, two with injuries and two sick.

However, the game was played in good spirits and Sunshine were the better team on the day.

Sunshine scored after 15 minutes of play when the George Cross goalie failed to hold the ball and Sunshine took an easy goal.

In the second half George Cross tried hard for the equalizer but Sunshine combined well in the defence.

Vassallo who was playing well at centre half moved to the centre forward position; Sunshine added three more goals in the last 12 minutes.

SAINTS WIN

St. Kilda defeated North Sunshine 5-3 in the Miller Cup Semi Final.

Things did not go right for St. Kilda in the first half. Two bad back passes to goal keeper gave North two goals.

Junior tables

JUNIOR TABLES

UNDER 12'S

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. Kilda	15	3	0	56	7	33
Brooklyn	14	2	2	68	11	30
Olympia	10	5	3	39	12	25
Sunshine C.	8	6	4	58	19	22
Essendon	6	4	8	28	40	16
J.U.S.T.	5	5	8	20	49	15
S.M.-Hellas	6	1	11	49	20	13
I.C.I.	5	2	11	27	60	12
Wilhelmina	5	2	11	8	43	12
Aspendale	1	0	17	3	95	2

Under 14 South

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Springvale	13	0	1	72	13	20
Frankston	10	1	3	64	12	21
S. Melb.-Hellas	8	2	4	34	14	18
Aspendale A	8	1	5	36	22	17
Wilhelmina	5	3	6	53	42	13
Sand'ham C	4	2	8	19	28	10
Nob. Park T.	1	3	10	12	83	5
Aspendale B	0	2	12	4	90	2

Under 14 Central

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Kilda	11	2	1	56	13	24
Essendon	11	1	2	76	15	23
J.U.S.T.	7	2	5	27	42	16
Br'mead. H.	6	2	6	34	32	14
Lions B'mead.	3	1	10	12	48	7
P'ton TSOB	0	0	14	3	68	0

Under 14 North

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Trident	12	0	2	76	8	24
Sunshine C.	11	1	2	39	12	23
Lechia N'port	9	3	2	67	11	21
Olympia	8	2	4	25	19	18
Ardeer	6	2	6	28	16	14
Brook. Host.	2	1	11	14	55	5
Lions N'port	1	2	11	5	64	4
M. Polonia	1	1	12	4	64	3

Under 16 South

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aspendale A	12	2	0	56	7	26
Dan'nong C	11	1	2	75	6	23
Box Hill	7	3	4	38	20	17
Wilhelmina	7	2	5	31	42	16
Croydon	5	3	6	21	32	13
Moor. City	5	1	8	24	32	11
Bayswater	1	3	9	13	53	5
Aspendale B	0	1	13	3	71	1

Under 16 Central

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brighton	12	1	1	73	15	25
Hakoah	11	0	3	114	23	22
St. Kilda	10	0	4	89	23	20
Pol. Fawk.	9	1	4	48	19	19
George Cross	5	0	9	27	63	10
Springvale	4	1	9	15	73	9
Wes. Coll.	2	1	12	8	83	5
Preston TSOB	1	0	13	8	83	2

Under 16 North

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
N. Sunshine	10	3	1	50	7	23
Sun. City	10	1	3	63	11	21
Ardeer	8	4	2	41	13	20
AJAX	8	2	4	40	18	18
Sokil Unit.	5	3	6	25	18	13
Olympia	6	1	7	14	25	13
I.C.I.	2	0	12	4	145	4

UNDER 18'S

	W	D	L	F	A	P
S'shine C.	16	3	3	118	17	35
Ajax	16	3	2	83	21	35
G. Cross	15	4	2	74	19	34
Box Hill	14	4	3	79	23	32
Melbourne	13	2	6	103	28	28
Essendon	12	4	5	67	21	28
H.A.S.K.	11	3	6	54	28	26
Hakoah	11	0	9	47	30	22
Trident	10	2	9	54	48	22
Croydon	5	0	17	42	100	10
Sandring'm	4	1	16	48	99	9
B. Hill H.S.	3	0	16	10	158	6
Sunshine H.	3	0	17	7	194	6

JUNIOR RESULTS

UNDER 12

I.C.I. 5, J.U.S.T. 2
Sunshine C. 3, S.M.-Hellas 0
St. Kilda w.o., Aspendale — B'klyn H. 2, Wilhelmina 0
Olympia 1, Essendon 1

UNDER 18

Box Hill H.S. 1, Sandringham C. 5
S'shine H. —, Hakoah w.o.
George Cross 2, Box Hill 2
Trident 3, Croydon 1

UNDER 16 MILLAR CUP SEMI FINAL

Brighton 5, Ardeer 1

UNDER 18 CUP REPLAY

Essendon 1, Ajax 0

IT PAYS TO WIN

London, Aug. 29

Soccer players of the Barcelona club receive bonuses equivalent to £30 stg. when they win on their home ground, and £40 stg. for an "away" win.

But, under a rule adopted yesterday, each player will pay the club a fine of £15 when the team loses "away", and £20 for home defeats, the London "Daily Mirror" reported.

If the club had operated the same scheme last season each player would have lost £200 in fines over bonuses.

WRONG APPROACH BY REFS

By Reg Leafe, English cup final and International referee

In my opinion far too many referees have the wrong approach to football and they enter the field of play with a sense of nervous apprehension and a foreboding that some serious foul play is about to happen before their very eyes.

It has often appeared to me that if a game is proceeding nicely the referee, instead of keeping in the background, feels that he has nothing to do and therefore suddenly projects himself before the player and spectators over some minor infringement and by this action he immediately arouses the hostility of everyone takin gpart in or watching the game.

The old adage that "the best referee is the one you never see" still remains very true but, of course, there are exceptions. I have found that when officiating abroad it is often necessary to make one's presence apparent and so it is that the best referees can adjust themselves to deal with all sorts and conditions of men.

The quiet word to one type of player — the sharp rebuke to another; both have a place in helping the referee to see that a game runs smoothly and within the compass of the 17 written Laws, while the unwritten Laws "Common sense and Tact" play a most important part in controlling a game.

Far too much time is spent at Referees' meetings in putting and answering "trick questions" and many Quizzes are ruined by this type of question. A referee can only gain experience on the field of play and I would advise all young referees to take every opportunity of refereeing in any grade of football rather than attempting to become word perfect on the Referees Chart.

HOW CLUB NICKNAMES WERE DERIVED

Nicknames of soccer clubs aren't just names given at random! In more than a few instances the nickname centres round some little story peculiar to the town and here are just a few:—

"The Dons" is the tag of Aberdeen Football Club as the river Don runs to the north of the ground down to the sea.

"The Gunners" stands for as most soccer fans will know—Arsenal and so named as originally Woolwich Arsenal which is not only the great Army Gun Depot but also the barracks of the Royal Artillery.

"The Jags". This peculiar title or nickname is attached to the Scottish club Partick Thistle and it means sharp as in the emblem of Scotland "The Thistle".

"The Toffees" is the Merseyside club of Everton and the name was derived after the club moved to its present ground which was ajacent to a large toffee factory.

"The Cobblers" is the appropriate nickname for the English 3rd Division side Northampton Town, as the town itself is one of the biggest manufacturing footwear places in Britain.

"The Red Lichties" is the uncommon name given to Scottish 2nd Div. club Arbroath as a few miles out at sea from this busy fishing port there stands the Bell Rock Lighthouse which flashes a red warning light intermittently to warn shipping of the dangerous rock.

"The Foresters". Well this is the Robin Hood's merry men of Nottingham and an apt title for Nottingham Forest.—JIM COOK.

£50,000 TO BE SPENT ON ARENA

Work has started to convert Spencer Park, Newmarket, Brisbane, from a virtual wasteland to a £50,000 sporting arena.

The project is the aim of the Azzurri Sporting Association and two other anonymous Italian organisations.

The centre, to be known as the Italo-Australian Sporting and Recreational Centre, will be Azzurri Soccer Club's home ground.

The area of about three acres will contain an athletic track, a floodlit football field and a swimming pool.

LONG LEASE

Future planss include the formation of a licensed club.

The Brisbane City Council has granted the Azzurri Sporting Association a 15-year lease of the ground.

MANY SPORTS

Azzurri Sporting Association intends to sponsor teams in a wide variety of sports.

The Azzurri Soccer Club started as a fourth division club in 1952 and reached first division status last season.

Azzurri spent big sums of money building its team and last season won a £500 sponsored tournament, the Tristram Shield and was runner-up to premiers, Hellenic.

The club has five Australian internationals this season and is second to Hellenic on the premiership table. —Brisbane "Courier Mail."

£6000 ROOM

WA Soccer Association plan to build a £6000 dressing-room on Perth City-Inglewood soccer ground, Hamer-pde, Inglewood.

It is planned to make the ground the headquarters of the association and for a progressive building programme to be carried out.

Perth City - Inglewood Club has a lease of the ground until August 1977.

A replacement lease would beanecessary for the ground to become the association's headquarters. — "Perth News".

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Their club is as old as their town!

By TOM EVENS, one of the founders of Yallourn Soccer Club

I wonder if any clubs can say "Our Club is as old as our town". Yallourn Soccer Club as that distinction, about 1922-3 when Yallourn came into being it was comprised mainly of English and Scottish workers, therefore the Soccer Ball was very much in evidence, the game was played by men living in the camps, Yallourn township at that time was just starting to be built.

There were quite a few good players although not enough to form a competition. They travelled to Wonthaggi and challenged them. Wonthaggi at that time were a settled competition running 6 teams.

After a few years as Yallourn took shape and the population increased so did Soccer, this was mainly due to migration from the Old Country.

Between 1925-30 there was enough players to run 4 teams. They entered the Dockerty Cup and gave Wonthaggi many a hard game. Wonthaggi were Dockerty Cup winners in 1931, between 1930-6 there was up to 6 teams in the Yallourn area, but as immigration slowed down so did Soccer drop away as the players got too old or dropped out and there were no juniors to follow on.

The present Yallourn Soccer Club as we know it began to take from there.

In 1936 schoolboys began to play the game and in 1937 a Schoolboys competition was formed called the Central Gippsland Schoolboys Association. Three teams from Yallourn, one from the Brown Coal Mine (now known as Yallourn North.)

This grew to 8 teams: Yallourn 4, Yallourn North 2, Morwell Bridge one and Morwell one.

By 1939 the seniors were at a low ebb and at the start of the war Senior Soccer was on the way out. The Schoolboys took charge; the Yallourn Club had up to 80 boys and the Association over 120. They improved out of sight and won the Dunkling Shield in 1941 beating Albion Boys 5-3.

In 1943-4-5-6 we had good junior teams and they travelled to Melbourne many times and once reached the Final of the Junior under 19 Cup being defeated by Park Rangers (who later became the Park Rangers of the 1st Div.)

Angus Drennan was often a visitor to Yallourn playing for Sunshine Juniors, unfortunately Yallourn had some wonderful juniors but no senior side to take them over.

Sunshine City of today was known as Western Suburbs, led then as now by Tommy Higgins who was one of the best full backs in Melbourne.

The few seniors who had coached the juniors decided that the only way out was to join the Metropolitan competition.

A letter to Tom Higgins brought Western Suburbs to Yallourn for a friendly game — the Yallourn team was 100 per cent juniors all under 20.

Tom Higgins, I am sure, can remember that game result was Yallourn 5, Western Suburbs 4.

When our application was received, Tom, being on the Committee, had no doubt had some say in our being accepted, and so in 1948 Yallourn played its first game in the Metropolitan Association.

So the present Yallourn Club sprang from the Schoolboys of 1937.

Today we have besides our 3 senior teams 120 juniors in training ranging from 8-16 yrs. and 90 per cent of these boys are Australian born.

Yallourn Soccer Club has more Australian boys playing than the rest of the Latrobe Valley with its vast number of New Australians from 100 per cent soccer playing countries.

One cannot blame the boys if immigration should slow down. The Latrobe Valley will do just what happened to Yallourn in the 1935-6 years.

Let us hope the L.V.S.F.A. will wake up to this position before it is too late.

Yallourn S.C. officials are: Life President, Mr. A. M. Ellis, Australian; Vice Presidents, Messrs. W. J. Weir, J. C. Cullen, both Scottish; Life Members, Messrs. T. Evans, T. Oddy, both English; Treasurer, R. G. Milne, Scottish, Secretary, J. H. Blunt, English.

It was at our annual meeting of 1959 that Mr. A. M. Ellis was appointed Life President of the club in recognition of his outstanding work for Soccer both for this Club and soccer in the Latrobe Valley.

At present we are running 10 teams, Seniors and Reserves in the Metro. League, 1 Latrobe Valley Reserve league team and 7 junior teams from under 12's to under 16's.

YALLOURN S.C.: Back row L-R — W. Weir (capt.), R. Mackey, J. Lawson, J. De Zwart, J. Poelsma, R. Hainsworth, F. Neumdlinger, H. Duggan (coach).
Front row L-R — H. Wakker, D. MacLean, P. Blunt, B. Neef, M. Kaminski. ... ...
● Photo by Soccer News photographer John Lethaby.

Soccer star scores well in new role

Reprinted from Sydney "Mirror."

An impromptu appearance on stage at a social function has launched Alick Jeffrey, the soccer star, on a career in Sydney show business.

Jeffrey, the "wonder boy" of English soccer before a broken leg affected his career, plays with Prague, the Sydney competition leaders.

It was after one of Prague's recent matches that Jeffrey agreed to entertain his club-mates with "a song or two".

His voice attracted the interest of a Prague club member, Mr. H. Garden, who is the entertainment manager at the Chevron Hilton Hotel.

Mr. Garden was so impressed that after an audition, Jeffrey was signed to appear three nights a week at the hotel, making his debut this week.

Mr. Garden described Jeffrey as "a talented pop crooner with a very smooth voice."

Jeffrey, by the way, is no stranger to show business.

BOY SOPRANO

He grew up in the atmosphere of the entertainment world through his father and uncle, who appeared as the Jeffrey brothers in a Western style program in clubs around Manchester, Sheffield and Leicester.

"When I was 10, they used to take me to the clubs," Jeffrey recalls. "I was a boy soprano and as a break in the program they would let me sing."

HOMESICK

It was after he broke his leg that Jeffrey made his first solo night club appearance.

He was 18, and no longer a boy soprano but a crooner.

Jeffrey this year joined Prague soccer club on a two-year contract.

Now 22, Jeffrey is married with two children, Alick jnr. (2) and Deborah (8 mths.).

Because his wife, Sheila, is homesick, Jeffrey is still undecided about settling in Australia.

LET'S LOOK AT SEASON 1961

The fight is over, the battle lost, (or won) which ever gets the bell, that's what 1st Division clubs must be saying now that the 1961 season has closed.

Now the "IFS" start to flow. We hear tehm every season's end, "If only so and so hadn't been injured" — "if we had won that game against so and so." Yes, we all know them don't we.

Well, let's look back on this season and see what did happen. We'll go down the ladder club by club.

● **Preston** top of the bill all the season and quite rightly so. That season in State League gave them too many guns for the other clubs. Let's hope they can justify themselves next season.

● **Brighton** — bridesmaid but never the bride might apply here. They did well in 1960, and look like runners up this season. The moral here is the "early birds get the points — 1962 might be their season if they can win those early games. They are certainly enthusiastic and Arthur Scott does a great job at coaching.

● **Austria** — the mystery team. I still say they are better than their record, but you can't run foul of the Disciplinary Council and lose players and still win games. A couple of changes in this team and they are definitely promotion material.

● **Dandenong** — Started well but never seemed to go on with the job. Its a young side and should do great things next season. Its a pity that such a good side has to play on a ground as bad as they have.

● **Fernitree Gully** — a good side and one when you consider they came up from 2nd Div. this season, which acquitted themselves to the higher standard very well indeed. **Van Egmond** can be proud of his boys — they did a good job.

● **Yallourn** — "I dips me lid" to this club. They travel at least 160 miles every second week, and in an industrial centre to get players to travel is very hard, and yet Yallourn never missed a game. If they could only play as well away as at home, then I'm sure they would be right up at the top. Still they do a good job in an "Aussie Rules centre."

● **Sandringham** started well and fell by the wayside. Even the inclusion of **Reidt Massey** could not stem the tide of defeat. In 1960 they finished 8th — this season 7th. — not very impressive. Some changes are sure to be made here and a talk on "enthusiasm" the non transfer of Some excuse can be found in injury to **Sharp** of **Hakoah**, and the non transfer of **Greenhill** — two very good players. Perhaps in 1962 the sun will shine brighter.

● **Geelong** — The disappontment of 1961. Last year many said they were better than Richmond, and only missed by 1 point going into State League. This year sees them struggling to avoid relegation. I can't answer this one — what ever has happened. Let's hope its over by next season.

● **Frankston and South Yarra** take the long walk down to 2nd Div. These two clubs fought hard and played the game cleanly even though they lost. I am sure we will see them back in 1st Div. before long.

—JOHN SLADE.

Soccer men suspended

The Soccer Federation's Judiciary Committee have suspended three first division players for two matches.

The players were sent off the field for "persistent misconduct" in matches.

The players are:

● Leo Bosklopper (Sydney Austral), who was sent off the field in the match with Apia-Leichhardt at Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2.

● Archie Reir (Bankstown) and Tony Varglien (Budapest), who were sent off in the match at Marks Field.

—Sydney "Telegraph"

Crowds increase

Crowds at all matches far exceeded previous years. In Melbourne 21,425 people attended the Ampol Cup soccer series in 1960. This year 34,186 attended — an increase of 12,761.

MAY PLAY AGAIN

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By DON SUTHERLAND

With the last round of league fixtures it now seems clear that, barring upsets in two postponed games, Polonia will win the State League Championship an honour which the club richly deserves. They have a team of star players who all place teamwork above individual glory and this has been the secret of this success over the past two seasons. Once again George Cross finish as runners-up and Victoria is fortunate to have two such fine clubs who have provided wonderful soccer for many thousands of soccer fans this year.

DESPITE a desperate last-minute recovery Richmond will be relegated together with Box Hill, whose wonderful record in top-class soccer in Victoria will be long remembered. Box Hill are a well-organised club and they are sure to make a great effort to regain State League status. Richmond will derive great benefit from this season in the top grade and will also make every effort to obtain promotion once again. Congratulations are due to Preston-Croatia and Lions who will take their place in State League next year but both these clubs will have to learn from Richmond's experience that their teams will need to be re-strengthened to maintain the pace and power of State League soccer.

WEDDING bells recently sounded for Polonia. This time the congratulations of all soccer fans are due to Polonia's outside-right **Roch Dronia** and his young and beautiful wife. They were married on the 2nd of September. In the evening the newly-married couple threw a wedding party for all Polonia players.

Big news in the Polonia club at the moment is that they have rented spacious and comfortable clubrooms in the heart of the city. The rooms have been repainted and now become the headquarters of the soccer club. The new address of the club is 366 Bourke Street and the opening day will be announced very soon.

Ted Mytch, former member of the Polonia executive, is going to Poland before Christmas for a period of three months. Whilst there he will contact particular players with a view to obtaining their services for Polonia-Melbourne.

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I have received a letter from Jim Chesters, Secretary for Heidelberg Soccer club in which he asks me to extend congratulations on behalf of his club to the champions of 2nd Division North, Alexander, together with the runners-up Sicilia, both of whom will be promoted to 1st Division North next year. In reviewing his club's performances during the past season Jim points out that although they lost to the four leading teams, in three out of four occasions they scored more goals in the 2nd half than did their opponents. This suggests that if Heidelberg can settle down earlier in their games they will be a force to be reckoned with next year. Heidelberg also wish to give honourable mention to the Williamstown club whom they feel had the best team of any that they met and were unlucky not to finish higher up the ladder. Heidelberg claim that they have the best goalkeeper in 2nd Division North but unfortunately did not give me his name. Thanks for the news from your club, Jim, perhaps your lead will inspire some other Metropolitan League clubs to send me some news of their activities.

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OVER 140 people attended Box Hill Supporters Club supper dance held at the Doncaster Hotel on August 26th. Box Hill's Publicity Officer, **Les Minter,** advises that a collection for **Monty Tomblin,** injured in the recent match against Wilhelmina, raised over £25. Monty suffered a split muscle and torn ligaments. Star forward **Johnny Bedford** won the award for Box Hill's "Best and Fairest" with goalkeeper **Martin Beurcht** in second place, one point behind.

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AT the recent Metropolitan League Management Committee Meeting it was decided to recommend to Council the appointment of a Minute Secretary to the Metropolitan Leagues. The duties of such a secretary would be to obtain closer cooperation between Metropolitan League clubs and to fully record all discussion at the M.L.M.C. meetings. Naturally, all official business would still be channelled through the V.A.S.F.A. Secretary-Manager, **Mr. Stuart Beaton.**

Considerable discussion took place on the formation of an additional Reserve league to accommodate those reserve teams unable to be given a place in the existing leagues. Only about six certain entries have been received and Mr. Beaton would urgently like to hear from other clubs wishing to field a reserve team next year and applications from 3rd teams will also be considered.

An interesting suggestion put forward by the Dandenong delegate was that team managers should wear white coats or other distinctive clothing in order to provide identification for the referee and visiting club officials. The idea met with general approval.

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EARLY in the season, Hellas Club President, **Theo Marmaras,** alarmed at the large number of players at training on Tuesdays and Thursday, and noting how unwieldy it was to handle them, strongly advocated training more nights a week, but he didn't receive a lot of support for his idea. However, new coach, **Manny Poulakakis,** has established senior training on Mondays and Wednesdays and reserve team training on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and it has proved highly successful. Up to 25 players, including many up and coming boys turn up regularly on Tuesday and Thursday and some excellent talent has been unearthed. The most notable being a reserve goalkeeper who has been around the club for months, but nobody dreamed he was so capable between the sticks, while against Richmond recently a 14½ years old boy was played on the right wing and acquitted himself very well in the team's good 2-1 win.

Right full-back **Chris Picoulas** suffered a badly damaged knee in the 2nd replay against Malta and this necessitated an operation at St. Andrew's Hospital. Chris was in hospital for two weeks with his knee encased in heavy plaster and will be at home on crutches for at least four weeks. Chris was brought to Australia by Hellenic about six years ago with **Tony Karayanni** and although no "chicken" these days, he was having a wonderful season and is hopeful of playing again next year.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK. With many congratulations being extended to successful teams and players, let us spare a word of cheer to the many who tried hard but did not achieve the limelight!

DID YOU KNOW?

1. The Federation of International Football Associations was formed in 1904.

2. The oldest club in the English Leagues is Notts County who were formed in 1862.

3. The Referee's Whistle was first used in 1878.

4. Goal Nets were introduced in 1891.

5. In 1888 the English Football League was formed by a Scotsman, Mr. William McGregor who became the first president in 1892.

6. The Jules Rimet World Cup Competition was launched in Montevido in 1930.

7. Jimmy McGrory, centre-forward of Glasgow Celtic, scored 550 goals in first-class football from 1922-23 to 1937-38 and this is still an all-time record. Mc Grory playcd all his career with Celtic and is their manager.

8. The first F.A. Cup Final at Wembley took place in April 1923 when Bolton Wanderers defeated West Ham United 2-0. Previous to 1923, the Cup Final was held at Stamford Bridge, Old Trafford, Crystal Palace, Goodswin Park, Manchester, Kennington Oval and Lillie Bridge.

9. Cardiff City made history by taking the F.A. Cup out of England for the first time in 1927 when they defeated Arsenal 1-0. Hughie Ferguson scored the all important goal which gave Cardiff a record which has never been repeated.

10. In 1934 Mr. now Sir, Stanley F. Rous was appointed Secretary of the English F.A., a position he still holds.

11. Scotland introduced the rule that a goal could be scored direct from a corner in 1924.

12. The first £1000 transfer took place in 1905 when Alf Common was transferred from Sunderland to Middlesboro for that amount and the first 10,000 fee changed hands in 1928 when David Jack joined Arsenal from Bolton Wanderers.

13. In 1938 East Fife became the first ever Scottish Second Division team to win the Scottish Cup when they defeated Kilmarnock 4-2 but in the following season they were knocked out of the competition on their own ground by another Second Division club, Montrose.

14. In 1938 the Laws of Football were re-written.

15. The numbering of players was introduced in 1939.

16. In 1947 a representative team from Great Britain defeated the Rest of Europe 6-1 at Glasgow.

17. In the post war years the World Cup has been won by Hungary, Germany and Brazil who are the current holders.

18. Glasgow has t soccer stadiums which accomodate over 100 spectators in each and famous grounds are Ha den, Ibrox and Parkh the homes of Queens P Rangers and Celtic res tively. Hampden ho 149,547 when Scotland ed England in 1937.

Soccer injury "at work"

The Full Supreme Court held that an employee playing Soccer in Sydney on a Saturday was injured "in the course of his employment."

The employee is Maxwell James Clancy, 28, a male nurse at Callan Park Mental Hospital.

Clancy injurde a foot on Saturday, June 14, 1958, playing Socer at Callan Park Oval.

The Workers' Compensation Commission awarded him about £100 for loss of wages plus medical expenses.

The Public Health partment appealed ag the decision.

The Full Court, the Justice (Dr. Evatt), Justice Wallace and Justice Ferguson uphel commission's decision.

The judges said the pital ran a Soccer clu encouraged staff to joi

The Hospital autho did this to foster esp corps in the staff and sist the rehabilitation patients. — Sydney graph".

WHO IS THE TOP CENTRE FORWARD?

SIR—Although a Maltese George Cross supporter, I disagree with our Secretary Stan Stacey, who states "Jureski of Polonia is the best centre forward in the State."

In my opinion Beattie of J.U.S.T. is easily the best and even Hodgson of the Cross is better than this Jurecki.

Who is top goalkicker anyway?

It was good to see Lolly Vella back in our attack last Sunday.

—Yours, J. Cassar,
Duke St., Sunshine.

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RANGERS' THANKS

SIRS,—At the closing of the 1961 Season, Park Rangers Soccer Club extend to all Clubs best wishes for the past and coming football year.

Season 1962, we hope, will prove to be a better season, for soccer and clubs in general.

Although some clubs will be swallowed into relegation — "At the going down of the vanquished, and at the mourning, we shall remember them."

Good luck to all.

—Yours, A. E. BAILEY (Park Rangers Publicity Officer).

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DE BRUYCKERE SENSATION

SIR — I don't think that "Soccer News" is the place to comment on Mr. Lang's version of the management of the trip to Queensland. As a matter of fact, I am of the opinion that I should leave any comments to this effect to persons or players who have participated in the trip.

In my letter, which induced Mr. Lang to give a more-or-less extensive report of this trip, I have not criticised in any way the management of this trip, only mentioned that no selector or official of the Council was at the Airport to welcome the players, and the fact that the preparations for Mike de Bruyckere had been made by me.

Knowing Mr. Lang, I am certain that he did everything in his power to arrange for an Ambulance at the Airport, and it is most probably not his mistake that he was unsuccesful. However, I want to make it clear to everybody who may have the idea that I made wrong statements, that the Ambulance which was at the Airport was ordered by me, the arrangements with the Royal Melbourne Hospital (which Hospital was waiting for Mike when he arrived) were made by me, and my own Doctor, who treated Mike de Bruyckere with his former injuries, turned up late at night, despite the fact that he is a very well-known and reputed Surgeon in Australia.

I want to conclude with the fact that I was very pleased to see that the boys who went to Tasmania had a completely different reception on their return. Somehow, somewhere along the line, I can't help feeling that a subtle remark such as I made sometimes does more good than a lot of hot-headed arguments. I want to express that my remarks certainly were not meant to be unpleasant to Mr. Lang, who I know means well.

—Yours, J. van Hoboken

● Correspondence on this subject is now closed—The Editors.

TOP GOALSCORER?

SIRS, Could we have a list of the leading goalscorers in the State League?

We are having terrific arguments at work as to who is top scorer at the present time. We feel it's either Jurecki, Beattie or Haaz.

Could we have a list in the next edition of Soccer News which, incidentally, is getting better and better every week.

—Yours, T. Fletcher and M. Cross, Boundary Rd., Pascoe Vale.

● **Sorry, we haven't kept a record this season but we think Alex Beattie would be well in the running.**

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DISGUSTING !

SIRS, About three weeks ago I had occasion to visit Middle Park and witness the Hakoah v. Sth. Melbourne Hellas game and I am sorry to say, that the "act" turned on by the Hellas' supporters was disgusting!

The language accompanied by insinuations of the referee being "Hitler" were quite uncalled for and the sooner these people learn to control themselves, the better for soccer in Australia.

Supporters were calling out for the "blood" of a certain Hakoah player at half-time, but little did they know he was already in the dressing room.

How stupid can some people be?

I myself, was asked to "move on" to another part, if I was not a Hellas "fan" and I hadn't even said a word.

I could only suppose he knew his own.

This was done under duress and I have been twenty-two years in this country—a lot longer than the person who threatened me'

I have always been under the impression that once you paid your way into the terracing you could go where you pleased, as long as you conducted yourself, which I certainly did.

Anyway, as the game progressed in the second half, Hakoah scored a goal and I immediately concluded there would be trouble and could only see that at least a draw would pacify? the Greeks.

So I was not surprised when they equalised.

My summing up amounted to this:— If Hakoah won there would have been a melee or bloodshed; consequently, I think Hakoah were coerced or intimidated into making the match a draw—and although it never entered the Hellas' supporters minds THEY were more.

the "Hitlers".

—Yours, Alex Cox,
26 Melissa St., Strath-

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BEATTIE IS BEST

SIRS, I am German, but if Beattie, Number 9 of J.U.S.T. was playing for Richmond last Saturday, we wouldn't have lost. Only he stopped Richmond getting a win.

He is the best centre forward in the league.

I think your page is very enjoyable.

—Yours, Dieter Maks.

Congratulations

SIRS, May I extend my congratulations to both George Cross and Polonia and officials at the recent game at Olympic Park. This game was excellent, although I would not say that it was as good as a previous game between Polonia and Wilhelmina. If this standard was a more regular feature ,then I'm sure there would be a real showdown between the codes.

As an Englishman, or to quote the local name, a Pom and an ex supporter of those fabulous Spurs, I naturally miss the big game but if the aforementioned standard could be maintained I'm sure I would not feel home (football) sick.

After having seen teams of other states play it is my opinion that Polonia is the best team on form in Australia. While it is hard to single out the stars, as the whole team is good, the excellent players are Maskeravitch, the centre half. What excellent football sense this man has, and of course that centre forward, without a doubt Juretski, is the Tommy Lawton, Stanley Mathews of Australian football—what a great player he is and what a great goal he scored.

My ambition—to see Olympic Park bursting at the seams with fans.

The interpretation of the rules by referees puzzles me, surely it is an offence to challenge the goalkeeper with the foot, why isn't the advantage rule properly used and why oh why is a man who is in an obvious offside position still offside when an opposing player has last played or touched the ball or is this rule peculiar to the U.K.

—Yours, Bernard M. Greenmer, 45 Bridge St., Northcote.

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FIRST SOUTH — 1961

		Preston	Brighton	Dandenong	Austria	Ferntree Gully	Yallourn	Sandringham	Geelong	Frankston	South Yarra
Preston	H	—	3-2	4-2	2-1	3-1	3-1	2-1	1-0	3-3	4-2
	A	—	2-1	2-1	4-2	3-0	2-2	6-0	4-2	9-0	5-0
Brighton	H	1-2	—	4-1	3-2	1-3	5-3	2-1	3-0	8-0	4-1
	A	2-3	—	3-1	0-0	1-4	3-0	1-0	3-2	2-3	4-0
Dandenong	H	1-2	1-3	—	3-1	4-0	4-1	3-0	2-3	3-2	4-1
	A	2-4	1-4	—	2-1	3-0	1-3	2-0	3-3	8-0	4-0
Austria	H	2-4	0-0	1-2	—	4-2	4-3	3-0	2-1	8-1	1-1
	A	1-2	2-3	1-3	—	3-0	3-0	1-2	3-1	6-3	4-3
Ferntree Gully	H	0-3	4-1	0-3	0-3	—	1-0	6-0	4-2	3-1	3-0
	A	1-3	3-1	0-4	2-4	—	1-3	0-2	4-0	6-0	2-0
Yallourn	H	2-2	0-3	3-1	0-3	3-1	—	5-1	2-0	2-2	3-2
	A	1-3	3-5	1-4	3-4	0-1	—	4-2	0-3	3-1	1-3
Sandringham	H	0-6	0-1	0-2	2-1	2-0	2-4	—	1-0	2-2	4-1
	A	1-2	1-2	0-3	0-3	0-6	1-5	—	2-2	3-0	1-1
Geelong	H	2-4	2-3	3-3	1-3	0-4	3-0	2-2	—	3-2	5-3
	A	0-1	0-3	3-2	1-2	2-4	0-2	0-1	—	0-4	2-2
Frankston	H	0-9	3-2	0-8	3-6	0-6	1-3	0-3	4-0	—	4-3
	A	3-3	0-8	2-3	1-8	1-3	2-2	2-2	2-3	—	3-5
South Yarra	H	0-5	0-4	0-4	3-4	0-2	3-1	1-1	2-2	5-3	—
	A	2-4	1-4	1-4	1-1	0-3	2-3	1-4	3-5	3-4	—

GREAVES WANTS TO GO HOME

The Italians look to have bought themselves a gian-sized headache in Jimmy Greaves. England's Golden Boy soccer star, for whom Milan Club forked out £125,000.

Greaves had one of those on-again, off-again romances with Milan before he finally agreed to sign on the dotted line, a signature that assured him of an income of £25,000 yearly for the next three years.

You would think 75,000 smackers would gladden the heart of any sportsman, especially if, like Greaves, he was 21 years of age and had never known the good living associated with such forms of wealth.

But ever since Greaves went to Italy he has been in more strife than Speed Gordon.

He has tripped back to England a couple of times in the last month because he said he was homesick, and now he has announced he does not want to play with Milan because he finds it too hard to adjust himself to life in another country.

Greaves goes back to Italy this weekend to plead for his release, but the Italians are adamant he will never kick a football professionally again if he tries shirk out of his contract.

Ampol's support

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SECOND NORTH — 1961

		Alexander	Sicilia	University	Williamstown	Noriane-Olympia	Heidelberg	Fairfield	St. Albans	I.C.I.	Seymour
Alexander	H	—	1-0	1-0	2-1	9-0	7-1	5-0	8-0	6-0	12-0
	A	—	2-1	0-3	3-3	2-0	4-1	5-2	4-0	9-2	6-1
Sicilia	H	1-2	—	3-1	3-1	0-4	1-1	1-1	4-2	5-0	2-1
	A	0-1	—	2-0	4-1	5-1	3-1	4-2	3-2	4-2	14-0
University	H	3-0	1-3	—	2-0	2-1	3-1	2-0	1-1	6-0	10-0
	A	0-1	0-2	—	0-1	3-0	3-1	2-1	2-0	2-1	2-0
Williamstown	H	3-3	1-4	1-0	—	1-1	5-0	2-0	4-0	3-1	5-1
	A	1-2	1-3	0-2	—	2-4	0-0	6-1	5-1	7-4	3-2
Noriane-Olympia	H	0-2	1-5	0-3	4-2	—	1-0	3-2	5-3	7-3	9-0
	A	0-9	4-0	1-2	1-1	—	1-1	3-1	4-2	1-1	2-2
Heidelberg	H	1-4	1-3	1-3	0-0	1-1	—	4-3	1-0	1-0	2-2
	A	1-7	1-1	1-3	0-5	0-1	—	2-6	0-1	3-1	3-1
Fairfield	H	2-5	2-4	1-2	1-6	1-3	6-2	—	1-2	2-4	7-4
	A	0-5	1-1	0-2	0-2	2-3	3-4	—	11-0	6-1	6-2
St. Albans	H	0-4	2-3	0-2	1-5	2-4	1-0	0-11	—	4-1	5-2
	A	0-8	2-4	1-1	0-4	3-5	0-1	2-1	—	2-2	3-4
I.C.I.	H	2-9	2-4	1-2	4-7	1-1	1-3	1-6	2-2	—	4-3
	A	0-6	0-5	0-6	1-3	3-7	0-1	4-2	1-4	—	2-3
Seymour	H	1-6	0-14	0-10	2-3	2-2	1-3	2-6	4-3	3-2	—
	A	0-12	1-2	0-2	1-5	0-9	2-2	4-7	2-5	3-4	—

HOW THEY FARED
SECOND SOUTH — 1961

		Makedonia	Oakleigh	Park Rangers	Bayswater	Moorabbin City	Prahran City	Trident	Rosebud	F.N.D.	Essendon
Makedonia	H	—	2-1	4-2	0-0	4-1	3-2	1-0	2-0	3-2	6-0
	A	—	1-5	2-4	3-1	1-1	2-1	2-0	3-1	4-1	3-1
Oakleigh	H	5-1	—	3-1	4-4	1-1	2-1	W.O.	2-2	3-0	3-0
	A	1-2	—	4-4	2-5	3-0	4-1	3-0	3-1	2-0	4-1
Park Rangers	H	4-2	4-4	—	2-0	3-2	6-2	4-4	0-1	4-3	5-3
	A	2-4	1-3	—	2-2	0-5	1-1	1-2	5-2	2-2	8-2
Bayswater	H	1-3	5-2	2-2	—	2-4	0-2	5-1	10-1	2-2	4-0
	A	0-0	4-4	0-2	—	4-2	1-4	2-1	1-0	4-1	0-1
Moorabbin City	H	1-1	0-3	5-0	2-4	—	2-1	W.O.	2-3	3-4	5-0
	A	1-4	1-1	2-3	4-2	—	5-6	1-2	2-0	3-2	8-2
Prahran City	H	1-2	1-4	1-1	4-1	6-5	—	5-0	9-2	1-3	4-0
	A	2-3	1-2	2-6	2-0	1-2	—	3-2	1-3	0-2	1-1
Trident	H	0-2	0-3	2-1	1-2	2-1	2-3	—	1-0	3-2	2-2
	A	0-1	L.P.	4-4	1-5	L.P.	0-5	—	0-6	4-1	4-0
Rosebud	H	1-3	1-3	2-5	0-1	0-2	3-1	6-0	—	0-2	4-1
	A	0-2	2-2	1-0	1-10	3-2	2-9	0-1	—	1-3	2-0
F.N.D.	H	1-4	0-2	2-2	1-4	2-3	2-0	1-4	3-1	—	0-2
	A	2-3	0-3	3-4	2-2	4-3	3-1	2-3	2-0	—	3-4
Essendon	H	1-3	1-4	2-8	1-0	2-8	1-1	0-4	0-2	4-3	—
	A	0-6	0-3	3-5	0-4	0-5	0-4	2-2	1-4	2-0	—

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YOUR GAMES

LAST SATURDAY

DOCKERTY CUP—
FIFTH ROUND

Melbourne 3, S.M.-Hellas 1
George Cross 5, Alexander 2
Juventus 6, Richmond 8
Footscray 2, Polonia 2
Box Hill 0, Wilhelmina 3
Preston-Croatia 0, Slavia 3
90 min. 2-2
J.U.S.T. 4, Sunshine 2, after extra time
Moreland 1, Hakoah 5

HARRY ARMSTRONG (RESERVE) CUP—
FOURTH ROUND

S.M.-Hellas 4, Melbourne 0
Box Hill 6, J.U.S.T. 1
Moreland 2, Hakoah 1
Polonia 3, Slavia 1
George Cross 3, Richmond 0
90 min. 2-2
F'tree Gully 3, Juventus 3, after extra time
Wilhelmina 3, M. Ponds 1
Footscray 1, Lions 0

1ST DIVISION NORTH
Corio 1, Fiorentina 3

Denial on Watkiss

London, Saturday. — Notts Forest Soccer Club has not made any offer to Sydney player, John Watkiss.

Secretary, Mr. K. Smiales, described as "ridiculous" reports that Watkiss might receive up to £25 a week.

"No terms have been discussed," he said.

Manager, Mr. Andy Beattie said there had been no direct contact with Watkiss. Notts Forest had merely been sounded out on whether they might be interested in him.

Mr. Beattie said he was awaiting a letter from Australia which might clarify the position of Watkiss.

"If Watkiss comes to England," he added, "he will have to join the ground staff of Notts Forest. At first he will probably have his board and lodging paid by the club and receive pocket money.

"If his trials are successful professional terms will be signed." Sun Herald, Sydney.

Association ground in Yarra Park

The VASFA Executive resolved a further approach be made to the Parks and Gardens Committee for lease of a ground and such letter to be accompanied by a letter from the Hakoah S.C. advising that the Hakoah S.C. is prepared to relinquish its present lease on a ground and that such ground be made available to the Association.

If the request eventuates the ground to be obtained by the Association for emergency purposes and Clubs concerned shall make all arrangements necessary for games i.e. Dressing Accommodation, Posts, Flags, Marking of ground, etc.

Northern League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Roma	21	18	2	1	63	12	38
City	21	16	1	3	68	21	34
Cobram	21	15	2	4	55	27	32
East	21	14	2	5	37	21	30
Lemnos	21	12	4	5	46	18	28
Echuca	20	7	4	9	24	42	18
Tatura	20	7	2	11	29	62	16
T'berry	21	6	3	12	35	42	15
G'bower	21	5	3	13	23	12	13
Cohuna	21	4	3	14	22	66	11
Barmah	21	3	2	16	19	62	8
Tongala	21	1	3	17	16	71	5

Olympic Park games

Saturday: Wilhelmina v. Juventus. 6th Round Dockerty Cup, 2.45 p.m. Junior Under 12 Cup final at 1 p.m.

Sunday: 2nd World Cup semi-final Holland v. Scotland, 2.45 p.m. Junior Under 18's: Latrobe Valley v. Metropolitan side, 1 p.m.

THIS SATURDAY

STATE LEAGUE
Moreland v. Polonia
Slavia v. George Cross

DOCKERTY CUP—
SIXTH ROUND
Wilhelmina v. Juventus (at Olympic Park 2.45 p.m.)

HARRY ARMSTRONG (RESERVE) CUP 4TH REPLAY
Juventus v. Ferntree Gully

HARRY ARMSTRONG (RESERVE) CUP — 5TH ROUND
Polonia v. George Cross
S.M.-Hellas v. Footscray-Capri
Box Hill v. Wilhelmina
FIRST NORTH
Collingwood v. Footscray-Capri

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
CRAVEN "A" INTERNATIONAL TROPHY — SEMI-FINAL
Holland v. Scotland (at Olympic Park 2.45 p.m.)

Curtain Raiser — Junior match 1.10 p.m.

DOCKERTY CUP—
SIXTH ROUND
J.U.S.T. v. Polonia or Footscray
Slavia v. Hakoah
Wilhelmina v. Juventus
George Cross v. Melbourne

HARRY ARMSTRONG (RESERVE) CUP — FIFTH ROUND
Polonia v. George Cross
S.M.-Hellas v. Footscray
Box Hill v. Wilhelmina
Juventus or Ferntree Gully v. Moreland

TECH SCHOOLS SOCCER WIN

A combined Technical Schools soccer team defeated combined High Schools 4-2 at Olympic Park on Wednesday.

Scorers: Tech.: J. Sharp 3, V. Biro; High: P. Stacey 2, S. Abony.

VASFA SPONSORS JUNIOR CARNIVAL

V.A.S.F.A. is sponsoring a junior carnival at Shepparton on October 7-8 when nearly 400 boys will participate from all over Victoria. The project will cost

ABV2 TO FLASH ARGUS WINNER

Following to-day's postponed State League matches, when the officiating referees will award the last votes for the Argus Best and Fairest Medal, the winner will be announced next Tuesday Sept. 12, at 8 p.m. during the ABV2 Sports Show.

The sealed envelopes, handed in after each round, will be opened tonight and the name of the winner will be kept secret until Bill Fleming announces it on Saturday night in the presence of V.S.R.A. officials.

REFEREES' DANCE

The V.S.R.A. Annual Dinner-Dance will be held on Friday Sept. 13 at the Cumparsita Hall, Carlton. All enquiries to VSRA Secretary, Bill Curran.

SUNSHINE BALL

Mr. V. Marinaro, president of Libertas Soccer Club, has organised a victory celebration ball to mark the club's Provisional League win. The ball will be held tonight at Mariana Hall, Sunshine, at 8 p.m.

POLAND ENTER WORLD CUP FINAL

Poland defeated Germany 5-1 to qualify for the Craven 'A' International Cup against either Holland or Scotland.

HOW THEY STAND

STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
Polonia	21	15	3	3	50	19	33
George Cross	21	14	4	3	41	14	32
Wilhelmina	22	13	4	5	49	29	30
Hakoah	22	12	3	7	53	40	27
S.M.-Hellas	22	10	5	7	45	38	25
J.U.S.T.	22	10	2	10	45	40	22
Slavia	21	8	5	8	36	40	21
Melbourne	22	8	5	9	30	35	21
Juventus	22	7	5	10	32	40	19
Moreland	21	5	3	13	30	56	13
Richmond	22	2	5	15	23	55	9
Box Hill	22	3	2	17	18	46	8

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
George Cross	20	16	3	1	67	17	35
Wilhelmina	22	14	3	5	57	37	31
Box Hill	22	11	5	6	41	34	27
Hakoah	22	12	2	8	49	37	26
Juventus	22	8	7	7	48	49	23
Slavia	22	10	2	10	33	46	22
Melbourne	22	8	5	9	50	52	21
Polonia	21	8	4	9	39	38	20
J.U.S.T.	20	7	2	11	40	52	16
S.M.-Hellas	22	6	4	12	42	56	16
Richmond	22	6	2	14	42	61	14
Moreland	21	1	5	15	28	57	7

FIRST NORTH

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
Lions	18	15	0	3	58	15	30
Fiorentina	18	13	3	2	40	11	29
Croatia	18	13	1	4	63	22	27
Sunshine City	18	11	3	4	45	26	25
Footscray	16	6	4	6	38	36	16
Moonee Ponds	18	5	4	9	26	34	14
Corio	18	7	0	11	29	50	14
Maccabi	17	4	2	11	22	60	10
Collingwood	17	2	2	13	23	42	6
Coburg	18	2	1	15	17	65	5

FIRST SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
Preston	18	16	2	0	62	21	34
Brighton	18	12	1	5	50	26	25
Dandenong	18	11	1	6	51	28	23
Austria	18	10	2	6	49	31	22
Ferntree Gully	18	10	0	8	40	30	20
Yallourn	18	7	2	9	36	41	16
Sandringham	18	5	3	10	22	41	13
Geelong	18	4	3	11	29	45	11
Frankston	18	3	3	12	31	77	9
South Yarra	18	2	3	13	28	58	7

LEAGUE COMPLETED.

SECOND NORTH

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
Alexander	18	16	1	1	86	15	33
Sicilia	18	13	2	3	59	23	28
University	18	13	1	4	44	13	27
Williamstown	18	10	3	5	50	29	23
Norlane-Olympia	18	9	4	5	47	39	22
Heidelberg	18	5	4	9	23	42	14
Fairfield	18	5	1	12	52	52	11
St. Albans	18	4	2	12	28	62	10
I.C.I.	18	2	2	14	29	74	6
Seymour	18	2	2	14	28	97	6

LEAGUE COMPLETED.

SECOND SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
Makedonia	18	14	2	2	46	23	30
Oakleigh	18	12	4	2	49	24	28
Park Rangers	18	8	5	5	54	44	21
Bayswater	18	8	4	6	47	32	20
Moorabbin	18	8	2	8	47	38	18
Prahran	18	7	2	9	45	39	16
Trident	18	6	2	10	26	38	14
Rosebud	18	6	1	11	29	47	13
F.N.D.	18	5	2	11	33	45	12
Essendon	18	3	2	13	20	66	8

LEAGUE COMPLETED.

FIRST NORTH RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
Lions	18	15	2	1	83	19	32
Footscray	18	12	4	2	62	15	28
Sunshine City	18	11	3	4	68	22	25
Prahran	18	10	3	5	52	35	23
Fiorentina	18	8	1	9	26	48	17
Park Rangers	18	6	3	9	37	55	15
Moonee Ponds	18	5	3	10	30	37	13
Moorabbin	18	4	2	12	29	76	10
Coburg	18	4	1	13	21	68	9
Maccabi	18	4	0	14	24	57	8

LEAGUE COMPLETED.

FIRST SOUTH RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
Austria	18	13	3	2	73	22	29
Sandringham	18	10	3	5	51	22	23
Brighton	18	9	4	5	44	38	22
Preston	18	8	5	5	29	16	21
Dandenong	18	9	3	6	40	28	21
Ferntree Gully	18	8	4	6	43	45	20
Frankston	18	5	5	8	40	54	15
Yallourn	18	7	0	11	27	39	14
Geelong	18	4	0	14	24	71	8
South Yarra	18	1	5	12	20	56	7

LEAGUE COMPLETED.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
Libertas	18	15	1	2	70	20	31
Ringwood	18	11	5	2	72	26	27
Florina	18	12	2	4	63	33	26
Ballarat	18	12	1	5	82	25	25
Kensington	18	9	1	8	45	36	19
Bendigo	18	7	2	9	69	53	16
Triestina	18	8	0	10	33	34	16
W.W.F.	18	5	2	11	24	57	12
Springvale	18	4	0	14	25	67	8
C'wealth Banks	18	0	0	18	6	138	0

LEAGUE COMPLETED.

Craven "A" International Trophy — 1961

First Round		Second Round		Semi-Finals		Final
Croatia	7					
Israel	0	Croatia	1			
Germany	2			Germany		
Australia	1	Germany	4			
*						
Hungary	0					
Poland	1	Poland	3		Poland	
Yugoslavia	0					
Ireland	1	Ireland	0			
Ukraine	0					
Holland	4	Holland	2			
England	1					
Italy	0	England	0		Holland	
Scotland	3					
Austria	0	Scotland	4			
Malta	001					
Greece	100	Malta	1		Scotland	
	‡*					

‡Protest upheld — Matc h replayed.
*After extra time.

30/4/61—2 Commonwealth v Rest of World 3
14/5/61—0 Hungary v Poland 1
0 Ukraine v Holland 4
21/5/61—2 Germany v Australia 1. (After Extra Time).
3 Scotland v Austria 0
28/5/61—7 Croatia v Israel 0
1 England v Italy 0
18/6/61—0 Yugoslavia v Ireland 1
0 Malta v Greece 1
(After Extra Time. To be replayed — Protest upheld).
2/7/61—3 Poland v Ireland 0
2 Holland v England 0
6/8/61—0 Greece v Malta 0. (After Extra Time).
13/8/61—1 Croatia v Germany 4
1 Malta v Greece 0
20/8/61—4 Scotland v Malta 1

Overseas Results

International club matches: Guayaquil (Ecuador) v. Real Madrid 1:3; Morocco v. Stade Reims 1:4; Rouen v. Red Star Paris 4:1; Sedan v. Luttich 2:2; Palermo v. Sporting Lisbon 2:0; Ajax Amsterdam v. Sheffield Wednesday 1:2; Internazionale (Milan) v. Dinamo Kiev 4:0; Austria Wien v. ZSKA Moscow 1:3; ZDNA Sofia v. Always Ready (Bolivia) 8:0; Standard Liege v. CF Valencia 3:1; Rapid (Vienna) v. ZSKA Moscow 4:0; AC Bilbao v. Wiener Sportklub 2:1; FC Seville v. Nice 3:2; Ujpest (Hungary) v. Racing Paris 5:3; Hessen Kassel v. Catania 5:3.

Under 23 teams: Austria v. Czechoslovakia 4:4 (Salzburg).

COMPETITION POINTS

Hungary: Tatabanya 6, Ferencvaros 6, Honved 5, MTK 5, Ujpest 5, Dorog 5.

W. Germany (Southwest): Bor. Neunkirchen 6, Pirmasens 5, Neuendorf 5, FC Saarbrucken 5, Spfr. Saarbrucken 4, BSC Oppau 3.

COMING EVENTS

September 10: East Germany-Hungary (Leipzig) World Cup.

September 10: Soviet Union-Austria (Moscow).

September 15: Turkey-Soviet Union (Istanbul) World Cup.

September 17: Norway-Denmark (Oslo).

September 20: West Germany - Denmark (Frankfurt).

September 24: Austria-Hungary (Vienna).

September 26: Scotland-Czechoslovakia (Glasgow) World Cup.

September 27: France-Finland (Paris) World Cup.
September 28: England-Luxemburg (London) World Cup.

Davidson recovers

Barney Davidson, Rangers star inside-right, has just had a painful abcess removed from his back, and should be fit to finish this season for his club.

SAM'S Selections

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By Sam Kemp, the Soccer News Pools Expert.

HERE are my U.K. Pools selections for Sept. 16:

How to read the tips: 1 Home win; 2 Away win; x Draw.

x Birm'ham v. Burnley
2 Blackburn v. Aston V.
1 Blackpool v. Notts F.
2 Cardiff v. Man. Utd.
1 Everton v. Ipswich
1 Fulham v. Leicester
1 Man. C. v. Bolton
x Sheff. U. v. Sheff W.
1 Tottenham v. Wolves
1 West Brom v. Arsenal
1 West Ham v. Chelsea
2 Brighton v. Liverpool
1 Bristol R. v. Leyton O.
1 Derby v. Preston
1 Leeds v. Stoke
1 Luton v. South'ton
2 Midd'boro v. Hudd'field
1 Newcastle v. Swansea
1 Norwich v. Sunderland
x Wallsall x. Plymouth
1 Barnsley v. Crystal P.
1 Halifax v. Watford
1 Lincoln v. Bristol C.
1 Notts C. v. Brentford
1 Peterboro v. Grimsby
1 Port 'mouth v. Newport
x Port V. v. Bradford
1 Q.P.R. v. Bournmouth
1 Shew 'bury v. Coventry
2 Southend v. Reading
1 Swindon v. Hull
1 Torquay v. North'ton
1 Aldershot v. Oldham
1 Barrow v. Work'ton
1 Bradford C. v. Accrin'ton
1 Carlisle v. Darlington
x Chester v. Southport
1 Colchester v. Hart 'pools
1 Crewe v. Wrexham
2 Mansfield v. York
1 Millwall v. Chest'field
1 Rochdale v. Doncaster
1 Stockport v. Gill'ham
1 Tranmere v. Exeter
1 Aberdeen v. Dundee
1 Dundee U. v. St. John'
1 Falkirk v. Stirling
1 Hearts v. Hibernian
1 Kilm'ock v. St. Mirren
1 Moth'well v. Airdrie
1 Raith R. v. Dunf'line
1 Rangers v. Celtic
x T. Lanark v. Partrick
1 Clyde v. Queens P.
1 Dumbarton v. E. Stirling
1 Montrose v. Brechin

FOUR SPECIALS

Here are my Four Aways:—

2 Brighton v. Liverpool
2 Midd'boro v. Hudd'field
2 Southend v. Reading
2 Blackburn v. Aston V.

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YOUR TEAM

HERE is the team "Soccer News" readers have chosen following our recent competition.

For the position of **Goalkeeper:** Hobson heads the poll with 123 votes, followed by Karpouzas (112), Gross (79), Gronowski (64), Voigt (34).

For **Full backs:** Guardian 101), Faison (99), Mandrakis (96) lead the field—

As **Right** and **Left Halves:** Griggs (130) and Yanczyck (136) share the lead followed by T. Velin (93).

As **Centre Half:** Maruskiewicz 100) is followed by Frangioni (83) and Miar (79).

THE FORWARD LINE

Outside Right: Hodgson (112), Barbazza (53).
Inside Right: De Bruyckere (115), Beerendonk (93), Hodgson (102).

Centre Forward: Jurecki (150), Barbazza (129), Van Alphen (78).

Inside Left: Dudon (94), Goettlicher 76), Acunzo (73).
Outside Left: Beattie (102), Copeland (76), Gamal (79).

This competition has been very successful and will be repeated again next season.

Not everybody will be happy with the result, but most will—we hope.

With the exception of 16 entries which featured a whole State League team (a bit of partisanship ? ! ?). All other entries were well balanced.

SOCCER THREAT IN ST. ALBANS

Australian football was in great danger of playing "second fiddle" to soccer in St. Albans if something wasn't done to provide grounds which young people could use for football.

Cr. J. Honey pointed out this serious threat to football at last week's meeting of Keilor Council.

He said one oval in the St. Albans area was used by two regular football teams as well as a school.

There was a danger that, with not enough facilities available for all, interest in the Australian game could wane, he added.

Soccer clubs were mushrooming in the area because a large number of former Europeans lived in St. Albans.

The Council, unfortunately, was not able to do anything for the Churchill Reserve which, if properly prepared, would be a great boon to clubs.

MONEY GRANT?

Cr. Honey said it would be a good thing if the Victorian Football League could take interest in the matter.

If the League could see fit to help by a grant of money or some other means it could go a long way towards fostering the Australian game in St. Albans.

Cr Honey said many more grounds were needed for football if the children were to maintain an interest in the game after they left school.

He added that if the League could do something about helping councils to purchase land for the future, it would be a good thing for football in all outer municipalities.

COMMITTEE PROBES ALLEGED BRIBERY

Following a decision of VASFA Council and Executive, a special investigation committee (Messrs. Lang, Burns, and Villiers) heard charges of alleged bribery offered to three Juventus players.

The committee was formed under the powers of the constitution.

The committee heard players Acunzo, Barbazza and Frangioni (Juventus) Messrs. d'Andrea and Massaria and a Polonia player.

Clubs concerned had the option to be represented at the hearing and an independent sworn interpreter was present.

The committee will convey their findings to the VASFA Council.

TAFFIES' GIFT TO ARSENAL

The most consistent keeper in England for the past few years has been Jack Kelsy of Arsenal!

It's now over 12 years ago since Jack then a young blacksmith forsook his native village of Llansamlet near Swansea and joined the staff of the then glamorous Arsenal.

And it's just over ten years ago that Jack, now 31, made his first team debut for the Gunners.

However, things have not always been milk and honey for this rock hard and fearless keeper and in 1958 Jack had a yearning to return to his native Wales and Swansea at that time were reported to be interested in his transfer.

Manager George Swindin of the Arsenal himself a famous keeper for the club he now manages, however, managed to convince the Kelsey boy that the bright lights of London offered more than the rugged coast of Wales and so the Taffy whom Arsenal had made into a star remained with them and looks likely to finish his career where he started.

Kelsey has long since been Arsenal's automatic choice of first team keeper and since 1954 when he received his first cap for Wales against Ireland he has never been seriously challenged for that honour and he has had wonderful praise from all over Europe for his brilliant but restrained displays between the sticks.

The six feet tall Welshman who weights over 12 stone has had more than his share of injuries but he's not the complaining type and regards these as goalkeeper's stock of trade.

Proof that Jack Kelsey loves the game which has earned him the title of Britain's finest keeper can be deduced from the fact that on November 1958 he played for Wales against England in the afternoon and the same evening he played for Arsenal in a floodlight match against. the Italian side Juventus.

Jack who started off with the local Swansea club Winch Wen gained a League medal with Arsenal in 1953 and has over thirty full caps for Wales is likely to give his club good service for a few years yet.—JIM COOK.

STATE LEAGUE CLUBS FOR SHEPPARTON

Two State League clubs will play in Shepparton on October 14-15 following an invitation from the local agricultural society. The match will be played at the showgrounds on the final night of the show.

Also a combined side from both teams will play a combined side from Northern Victoria.

Dr. C. Walker, President of Polonia, said if his club were chosen, they would give all proceeds to the junior carnival.

The Fred Villiers Column

I hear the New South Wales Federation have issued a challenge to Queensland (and Victoria for that matter) to play full interstate matches at the end of each season—when all players are available. Excellent. This way we may be able to pick a full Australian (no matter where born) team for the day when we are back in FIFA.

LAST week I told you about top soccer pro. Melville Luyt, of 131 Persimmon St., Johannesburg, who is coming to Melbourne early next year. I omitted to tell you why he's leaving South Africa. He's going to marry a Melbourne girl!

DID you know two leading Australian companies between them have given more than £22,000 to help promote soccer throughout the Commonwealth? They are Ampol Petroleum Ltd., and W. D. and H. O Wills (Aust.) Ltd.

WHICH State League player has all his fingers broken? There's no prize for the answer but you'll find it at the bottom of the column.

PLANS are afoot for an interstate "international" soccer carnival under lights in Sydney this summer. Players from N.S.W., Queensland Victoria and South Australia will be selected to represent their countries of origin. This year there's been an unprecedented influx of overseas players, all with their own experiences and ideas. They're all helping to produce this new blend of "Made in Australia" soccer" but not unnaturally they all secretly believe their own ideas are best. This will be a chance to prove a point. Nationalities providing teams will be: Australia, Austria, England (including Ireland and Wales), Greece, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Poland and Scotland. What a magnificent prospect... what a chance to see just what Australia has got... and what an opportunity to test the public reaction to summer soccer under lights which is a certainty in Sydney next season. Wonder what's in store for Melbourne?

Answer: Norm Hodson, George Cross goalkeeper.

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